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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following applications in compliance with §2001.06(b) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures. By identifying the copending applications, the assignee and/or applicants of the applications do not waive confidentiality of the

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 In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (February 2000, page 600-107), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered.

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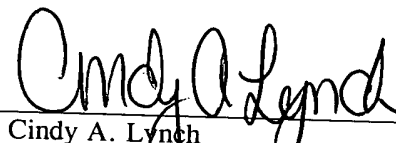
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To assist the Examiner, the listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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